

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, A method of handling Write input/output (I/O) requests during a backup operation on at least one storage device, comprising:  
receiving a Write I/O request for performing a Write I/O operation to a logical volume, wherein at least a portion of the logical volume resides on the at least one storage device;  
logging the Write I/O request in a file system log indicating that the Write I/O request is being submitted to the at least one storage device;  
determining if a backup operation is being performed on the at least one storage device; and  
suspending the Write I/O operation in a logical volume manager until after the backup operation is completed if it is determined that the backup operation is being performed, wherein Write I/O operations to at least one other logical volume are not suspended during the backup operation, and wherein the Write I/O request is suspended only if the Write I/O request is to a block of data that is subject to the backup operation.

11-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 12, A computer program product in a computer readable medium for handling Write input/output (I/O) requests during a backup operation on at least one storage device, comprising:  
first instructions for receiving a Write I/O request for performing a Write I/O operation to a logical volume, wherein at least a portion of the logical volume resides on the at least one storage device;  
second instructions for logging the Write I/O request in a file system log indicating that the Write I/O request is being submitted to the at least one storage device;  
third instructions for determining if a backup operation is being performed on the at least one storage device; and  
fourth instructions for suspending the Write I/O operation in a logical volume manager until after the backup operation is completed if it is determined that the backup operation is being performed, wherein Write I/O operations to at least one other logical volume are not suspended during the backup

operation, and wherein the Write I/O request is suspended only if the Write I/O request is to a block of data that is subject to the backup operation

22-23. (Cancelled)